NOVAPPLE Newsletter

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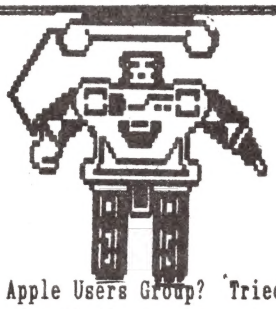
MAKING THE NOVAPPLE BBS CONNECTION

by BILL SANDERSON



New to the Northern Virginia Apple Users Group? Tried to get onto the NOVAPPLE BBS and failed? Logged on to the NOVAPPLE BBS and never got verified as a user? Well, this article is for you.

I took over as SYSOP to the NOVAPPLE BBS in July of this year. Since assuming the NOVAPPLE BBS role, I have noticed many system logons which never materialize as regular users. So I figure it may be due to new user infamiliarity or the fact that the new phone number for the BBS has changed, etc. This article is for the first time user who has tried or will soon try to logon to the NOVAPPLE BBS. I will try to talk you through the steps from a new user point of view.

First, I must set some precedents. They are: 1) You are a current member of NOVAPPLE. You must be a member to use and aquired authorization to use the NOVAPPLE BBS. Otherwise, your logon attempt will be futile. If you logon and do not become a member, it will remove you from the system. 2) This article is written from the perspective that you know how to use a modem and place a call. Use and instruction of modems will have to be covered by someone else. I know little about them - just how to operate one. OK, now that you have qualified on the above, lets get on the system.

Step 1 is to boot up your modem and communications software. Next, originate a call by having your modem dial the following phone number: 703-352-5842. Don't forget to use the area code if your long distance to Faifax, Virginia - that is where the BBS is located. On the other hand, you don't need the area code if your making a local call.

Once your modem has connected to the BBS, you will see the welcome screen scroll across. At the center of the screen, the prompt "Press <return> to enter #" will appear. Press the return key in response to the prompt.

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*** SPECIAL WEDNESDAY NIGHT ***
*** MEETING IN NOVEMBER! ***

This November's wednesday night meeting, (held on the 19th.) will be addressed by Clinton Computers from Alexandrix. Here is your chance to sit down, listen and ask questions about "What's New! What's Happening!" with Apple and Clinton Computers today. There will be door prizes awarded at the meeting, so come and have some fun!

New in the Paper Library

THE APPLE IIGS BOOK

by Betsy Robinson

Giving the club a copy of The Apple IIGS Book by Jeanne DuPrau and Molly Tyson was a smart Apple Computer marketing move! I think of the book as a "coffee table" book, one to leave around where people will pick it up and browse ... and maybe get hooked.

The Apple IIGS has "downward comptibility" with earlier Apple II's, and that is covered. There are several pictures of screen layouts from Appleworks, one from Print Shop, and a list of 69 popular, existing software packages with which the new machine is compatible. The index lists all the software the main text mentions by name and another list gives the software firms' addresses and phone numbers (some of them are 800 numbers).

If you want a little of the inside story of the development of the IIGS, this has it. Pages 36-95 are about the mouse and the utility program that uses it, the "Finder." There are sections on peripherals (the machine has slots AND ports), on classical applications programs, and on the control panel program which allows you to tailor the machine to your situation. At the end, there is a chapter on basic computer concepts.

What a tremendous book this is for the family who have ordered a IIGS and have to wait, because theirs isn't in yet! Any school which uses any Apple II computers could profitably use this as a computer literacy text. It has a thirty-page glossary of computer terminology.

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APPLE DISCOUNTS

SPECIAL: MEMORY BOARDS - $119 for first 64K PLUS $7.50 per additional 64K!

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- SS/DD, CASE OF 100 ..... $46.00
- SS/DD, CARTON OF 500 ..... $205.00
- 2-NOTCH/DS/DD, BOX OF 10 .... $6.50
- 2-NOTCH/DS/DD, PAK OF 25 ... $15.00
- 2-NOTCH/DS/DD, CASE OF 100 ..... $54.00
- 10 DISKETTE CASES ..... $2.25 EACH 5 for $10.00

(SPECIFY COLOR CHOICES: BEIGE, BLACK, BLUE, GREEN, GREY, RED, YELLOW)

- 75 FLIP TOP DISK CASE $11.00

PRINTERS

- PANASONIC P1080I, 120 CPS ... $239.00 *
- CITIZEN 120D, 120 CPS $219.00
- CITIZEN MSP-10, 160 CPS $299.00
- CITIZEN MSP-15, WIDE $419.00
- PANASONIC P3131, LQ $289.00
- NEC P6, LQ $495.00
- OKIMATE 20 COLOR $209.00

PRINTER ACCESSORIES

- 2400 SHEETS OF PAPER $29.00
- STANDARD PARALLEL INTERFACE $49.00
- GRAPHICS PARALLEL INTERFACE CARD $59.00
- MICRO BUFFER IN LINE $89.00
- PRINTER STAND $14.00
- SWITCH BOX, 2 WAY $49.00
- SWITCH BOX, 4 WAY $69.00

DISK DRIVES

- FLOPPY DRIVE $109.00
- CONTROLLER $49.00

*** DENOTES NEW PRICE**
⊗ DENOTES NEW ITEM

MONITORS

- 12-INCH COMPOSITE $79.00
- HI RES COMPOSITE $119.00
- COMPOSITE COLOR $139.00
- RGB COLOR $299.00

MODEMS

- AVATEX 1200 EXT. $99.00
- 1200 EXT. PLUS PHONE $169.00
- US ROBOTICS 1200 EXT. $219.00
- PROMETHEUS 1200A INT. $269.00
- US ROBOTICS 2400 ..... $419.00

SOUND & VIDEO DEVICES

- MUSIC SYNTHESIZER $149.00
- COMPUTEREYES $109.00

CHIPS

- EPROMS 2716/2732/2764 ..... $4.00
- EPROMS 27128/27256 ..... $7.00
- 64K, SET OF 8 ..... $9.60
- 256K, SET OF 8 ..... $26.40

GENERAL ITEMS

- SURGE PROTECTOR $9.00
- 6-OUTLETS WITH SURGE PROTECT $25.00
- CABLE GENDER CHANGER $9.00
- CABLES (S OR P) $19.00

COMPATIBLE COMPUTERS

- LASER 128 ..... $395.00 *
- VF PC, APPLE & IBM COMPATIBLE $1080.00
- VF PC, IBM COMPATIBLE $725.00

GAME I/O DEVICES

- CH MACH II JOYSTICK $33.00
- CH MACH III JOYSTICK $39.00
- I/O PORT EXPANDER $25.00
- 9-16 OR 16-9 ADAPTER $9.00

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- 16K RAM CARD (FOR II+) $69.00
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- 512K MEMORY $179.00
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- ACCELERATOR $229.00
- EDD 4 PLUS EXACT BIT COPY BD $99.00
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- COOLING FAN WITH SURGE PROTECT $39.00
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- SHIFT KEY MOD KIT $8.00
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APPLE SOFTWARE

- COPY II + ... $29.00
- ESSENTIAL DATA DUPLICATOR $35.00
- PLUSWORKS (RUNS APPLEWORKS ON II+) $19.00
- "WRITE CHOICE" WORD PROCESSOR $39.00
- PRINT SHOP $39.00
- TURBO PASCAL, CP/M $56.00

APPLE IIc CORNER

- SECOND DISK DR FOR IIc $119.00
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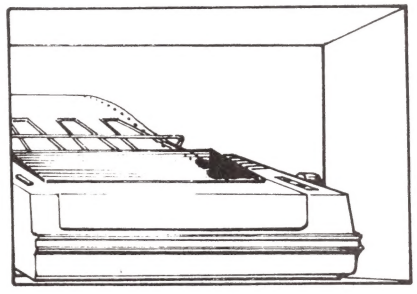
- DISK DRIVE CABLE ADAPTER $15.00
- 9-16 GAME I/O ADAPTER $9.00
- MULTI-RAM CX, 256K $239.00
- MULTI-RAM CX, 512K $269.00



UPS SHIPPING: $4.00 per order plus **$6.00** per printer or monitor. Computers: **$30.00.**

10% surcharge per 30 days on purchase orders.

PLEASE NOTE! PRICES CHANGE OFTEN! PRICE ON DATE OF PURCHASE APPLIES.

LONG-DISTANCE: CALL TOLL-FREE FROM ANY TONE-GENERATING PHONE: DIAL 950-1088; (IF YOU RECEIVE A RECORDING, DIAL 800-446-4462 INSTEAD); WAIT FOR TONE; DIAL 363-1313.

(301) 652-4232

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THE NOVAPPLE HOTLINE IS A LIST OF VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE AGREED TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS BY PHONE. DO NOT CALL AFTER 10PM, PLEASE. PASS UPDATES TO ERNIE PHILIPP IN WRITING OR CALL (H) 379-7198. hotline 11/86

SUBJECT	LAST NAME, FIRST	PHONE
1ST CLASS MAIL	THORNBURG, JIM	750-1367
APPLE PIE WP	LAUFER, GABOR	765-4539
APPLESOFT	ANTON, BILL	385-1225
	LAUFER, GABOR	765-4539
	PANKIN, MARK	524-0937
	PHILIPP, ERNIE	379-7198
APPLEWORKS	KRIEGER,BILL	821-1496
	CONCAUGH ,INA	256-3062
	EISEN,CARL	354-4837
	CHEW, RICH	573-0947
	THORNBURG, JIM	750-1367
APPLEWRITER II	ANTON, BILL	385-1225
	HARVEY, DAVE	578-4621
ASCII EXPRESS	HARVEY, DAVE	578-4621
ASSEMBLY LANGUAGE	KRIEGER, BILL	821-1496
	PHILLIP, ERNIE	379-7198
COMMUNICATIONS,Modems	HARVEY, DAVE	578-4621
	TRAVIS, SCOTT	455-9361
CP/M	PHILIPP, ERNIE	379-7198
D BASE	VELOS, NICK	836-1696
DISK BACKUP	ANTON, BILL	385-1225
	TRAVIS, SCOTT	455-9361
	UNGERMAN, MIKE	455-3441
EPSON PRINTER	EISEN,CARL	354-4837
	TRAVIS,SCOTT	455-9361
FORMAT II	HARVEY,DAVE	578-4621
FORTH	HOLDGREIWE, DAN	354-3561
FORTRAN	ANTON, BILL	385-1225
	KRIEGER, BILL	821-1496
INVESTMENT PGMS/STOCKS	PANKIN, MARK	524-0937
GAMES	LAUFER, GABOR	765-4539
LOCKSMITH	ANTON, BILL	385-1225
MACINTOSH	PANKIN, MARK	524-0937
	LOVE, JOHN	569-2294
MATH/STAT	PANKIN, MARK	524-0937
MULTIPLAN	PHILIPP, ERNIE	379-7198
	BALDWIN,MILES	938-8457
	LUCAS, TOM	321-9593
OPS RES/MGT SCI	PANKIN, MARK	524-0937
PFS:FILE	LUCAS, TOM	321-9593
PFS:REPORT	LUCAS, TOM	321-9593
PRODOS	KRIEGER, BILL	821-1496
PROWRITER PRINTER	KRIEGER, BILL	821-1496
RAMCARDS	TRAVIS, SCOTT	455-9361
SCREENWRITER II	PETRENKO, PETE	321-7332
	LUCAS, TOM	321-9593
SIDER HARD DISK	THORNBURG, JIM	750-1367
SUPERTEXT	VELOS, NICK	836-1696
THE ACCOUNTANT	PANKIN, MARK	524-0937
TURBO PASCAL	PHILIPP, ERNIE	379-7198
VISI FILE	FOX, ELLIOT	780-4403
VISICALC	THORNBURG, JIM	768-0356
VISIDEX	LAUFER, GABOR	765-4539
WORDSTAR	PHILIPP, ERNIE	379-7198

Additional areas needinng assistance:

Printers: prowriter, okidata, gemini, centronics.

Investments:stocks,bonds, commodities, printer interfaces, SOURCE

hard disks, logo

128K/memory cards,etc...

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You may leave questions on the Bulletin Board with your name or NOVAPPLE ## as an alternative.

*** NEW AE.VERSION
*** MOUSETALK!

The creators of Ascii Express "The Professional", one of the most famous and widely used tele-communications software for the Apple II series, has introduced a new, third version of their product. First was Ascii Express for DOS 3.3, followed by a ProDOS version and now comes Ascii Express "Mousetalk".

It is a graphic, pull-down menu controlled version of AE, working with the Apple mouse for the IIe and IIc. (Basicly, if you can run ProDOS, you can run this.)

The big deal for NOVAPPLE is that there is a group discount for "Mousetalk" and the club will be participtateing in the offer.

To recap, you can get the new "AE MouseTalk" by either getting an update if you are a present owner of AEPRO or you can purchase the program outright.

Updates: 1-20 units - $50.00
21+ units - $40.00

Group purchase:
1-25 units - $65.00
26+ units - $55.00

"Terms of sale: This offer is good only to Apple User group members. For updates, please include a list of all serial numbers, original program disks, and names and addresses of users, along with one check issued by the user group for the total amount. For purchases, please include one check issued by the user groups for the total amount.

The offer is good only through November 31, 1986 so we have about a month to gather together all the info from members. Get in touch with Dave Harvey, the NOVAPPLE BBS, the club recorder, next Saturday's meeting, or Wednesday's meeting if you're interested in the group buy.

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APPLE IIGS TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

PROCESSOR:
65C816 microprocessor, 2.8 MHz clock speed
8 bit data bus, 24 bit address bus allows for addressable memory of 16 megabytes

MEMORY:
256K RAM standard, expandable to 8 megabytes
128K ROM standard, expandable to1 megabyte

OPERATING SYSTEMS:
Supports ProDos 16, ProDos 8, Pascal, CP/M (with Z-80 card) and Dos 3.3

EXPANSION SLOTS:
8; 1 dedicated multi-purpose RAM/ROM memory expansion slot; 7 additional input/output slots

GRAPHICS DISPLAY:
7 video display modes:
--40 column text mode (by 24 lines),
--80 column text mode (by 24 lines)
Low-resolution: 40 H by 4 V dots, 16 colors
High-resolution: 260 H by 192 V dots, 6 colors
Double high-resolution: 560 H by 192 V dots, 16 colors
Super high-resolution: 320 H by 200 V dots, 16 colors per scan line out of a palette of 4,096 colors; 640 H by 200 V dots, 4 colors per scan line out of a palette of 4,096 colors

KEYBOARD:
Detached 80 key typewriter-style keyboard including 10-key numeric keypad

MOUSE:
Apple DeskTop Bus Mouse standard

INTERFACES:
NTSC-compatible composite color video output
Analog RGB Video output
Headphone jack with programmable volume control
Apple DeskTop Bus input port for keyboards, mice and other input devices
SmartPort disk interface for connecting both 5.25 and 3.5 disk drives
Two serial ports utilizing the SCC communication chip
Game/joystick port
Input/output sound connector on logic board

SOUND CAPABILITY:
Ensoniq 32 oscillator synthesizer chip with dedicated 64K RAM

INPUT:
Line Voltage: 107V to 132V AC
Frequency: 50-60 Hz
Power: 60 Watts

CLOCK/CALENDAR:
Built-in clock for automatic date stamping of files

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APPLE IIc TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

PROCESSOR:
65C02 Microprocessor
1.02 MHz clock speed

MEMORY:
128K Random Access Memory (RAM)
Optionally expandable to 1.12 Megabytes
32K Read-Only Memory (ROM)

KEYBOARD:
63 key full-size keyboard
Full 128-character ASCII set, including 96 upper and lower case alphanumeric characters and 32 control characters

DISK DRIVE:
Disk size: 5.25 inches
Capacity: 143 Kilobytes

SOUND:
Built-in speaker with volume control knob and headphone jack

INTERFACES:
Mouse, joystick, hand controller interface
2 serial input interfaces
Video expansion interface
RCA-type jack for a video monitor
External disk drive interface

ELECTRICAL:
Line Voltage: 105-129 V AC
Frequency: 50-60 Hz
Maximum Power Consumption: 25 Watts continuous

ENVIRONMENTAL:
Temperature: 50-104 degrees Fahrenheit
10-40 degrees Centigrade

Relative Humidity: 20-95%

SIZE AND WEIGHT:

Weight	Height	Width	Depth
7 1/2 lb.	2 1/2 inches	12 inches	11 1/2 inches
3.4 kg	6. 35 cm	30.48 cm	29.21cm

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!!! NEW !!!

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CLUB PHONE (Answering machine with announcements - will record your message) (301)899-4005
NOVAPPLE BULLETIN BOARD SYSTEM (300 and 1200 baud) 352-5842
On the Bulletin Board, send Newsletter articles to Chuck Edmiston.

Membership & General Correspondence NOVAPPLE, P.O. BOX 8211, FALLS CHURCH, VA. 44021-8211
Diskette Orders: NOVAPPLE, 514 North Florida Street, Arlington, VA 22203
Newsletter Address: NOVAPPLE, 7829 Patriot Drive, Annandale, VA 22003

BBS CONNECTION

(FROM PAGE 1)

The next prompt will ask "Please enter your password or Press (return) for one." You don't have a password at this point and we want to have the system provide us one. That way we can logon the system again as a authorized user. So, press Return again. Another prompt will appear and state "No Password" in response to our entry. Then a prompt of "Press (return) after entering name." shows up. Enter the data requested and press return in response to the following prompts:

ENTER (FULL) NAME PHONE NUMBER
_____ XXX-XXX-XXXX

The cursor will be on the blank line awaiting your inputs. Provide your full name and phone number, then press return. The system will respond by scrolling over your entry and diplaying the next prompt: "What is your screen width (10-99)?" If you have 80 column card type in "80", or if you don't have an 80 column card then likely your screen is 40 columns. So, type in "40."

The prompt "can you display lower case? (Y/N)" will appear. If you can display letters like your reading here, then you can display lower case. If your letters are all UPPER CASE LIKE THIS, THEN TYPE "N" FOR THE PROMPT.

Next the Main Bulletin will be displayed. At this point, if you need help you can type a "?" to get a help menu at any prompt. Also, the Main Bulletin will list any events that may be of importance to you or NOVAPPLE. Things like when the system went down due to storms in the area, are usually posted here.

Next the Main Menu will be displayed. The example below is a sample of the Main Menu. The letter within the brackets is the letter you type in to execute the correspoding commnand.

MAIN MENU

(B)...Bulletin Board Access
(C)...Comments
(F)...Features
(L)...Library
(M)...Members List
(O)...Off - Quit the system
(P)...Password info (Request/editor)
(S)...SYSOP Functions
(T)...Time Display
(U)...User Profile
(!)...Search for Messages to You
(*)...Page the System Operator

MAIN MENU:

We still don't have a password, so lets get one. Type "P" for the password selection. The next screen is for newuser information. It gives a general description about the BBS. It explains that you must be a NOVAPPLE member to use the system. At the "Request Password ?" prompt type "Y" for yes. You will be requested to provide some more information about yourself. Complete the prompts for CITY and STATE. The statement " Now please select a 5 char Password." is displayed.

THE APPLE IIGS BOOK

(FROM PAGE 1)

If you recently bought some other Apple computer and just joined the club, this book would be a good way to get "caught up". It is designed to make the person who feels vaguely uninformed to be comfortably in-the-know (including the owner who doesn't like feeling as if non-owners know his machine's possibilities better than he does). If you've never put your hands on a mouse or used a MacIntosh or a //c, read this and then visit a showroom: Fun is guaranteed.

Is this a good reference book? Yes. It is NOT an "all you (n)ever wanted to know about" type of book. But it is far more than a Sears catalog without prices or order numbers; it's a consumer's reference book, but not a hacker's, or a programmer's or a circuit wizard's.

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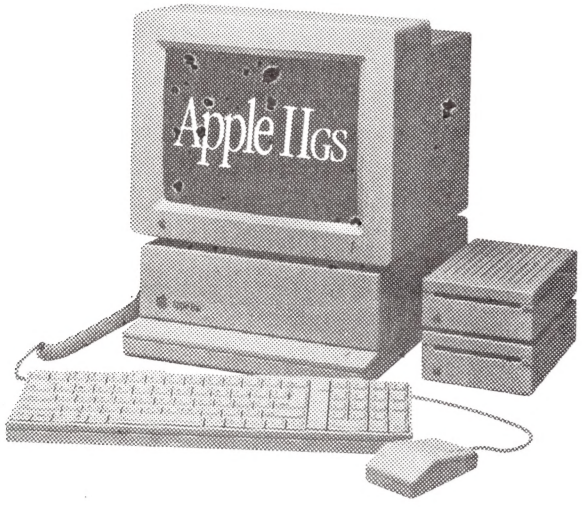

IMPORTANT NOVAPPLE BBS INFORMATION:

SYSOP - BILL SANDERSON

ALTERNATE SYSOP(S) - DAVE HARVEY AND MIKE UNGERMAN

BBS PHONE NUMBER - 703 352-5842
ONLINE: 24 HRS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK.

USER FEE: NONE!!
- MUST BE A MEMBER OF NOVAPPLE
MEMBER FEE:$15.00/YEAR REGULAR
$ 7.00/YEAR STUDENT
WHAT A BARGAIN!!!

BAUD RATES - 300/1200

FEATURES: PUBLIC DOMAIN SOFTWARE, CLASSIFIED ADS, E-MAIL, 8 BULLETIN BOARDS INCLUDING A DUNGEONS & DRAGONS BOARD.

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*** NEW WEDNESDAY
*** NIGHT MEETING
*** PLACE!!

We have finally found a Wednesday meeting place, thanks to the special efforts by Ernie Philipp. Future Wednesday night meetings, starting in November will be at the Fairlington Community Center, 3200 South Stafford Street. It's on the corner of Stafford and 34th Streets. The meeting will be in room #1 at the center.

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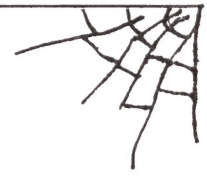

Newsletter Archives

REQUEST FOR BACK ISSUES

The archives Brian Jack received from the former archivist go from the beginning of publishing, in 1981, through 1983, with the following copies missing:

1981 - Vol. 1, Number 5 - July/August
1982 - Vol. 2, Number 3 - April
Number 9 - November
Number 10 - December/January
1983 - Vol. 3, Number 3 - April
Number 4 - May
Number 5 - June

Brian has a complete personal set of the issues from 1984 to date, but not a separate set. For this period, the the newsletter editor has extra copies to contribute, except for the following:

1985 - Vol. V, Number 1 - February-March
Number 2 - April
Number 7 - October
Number 8 - November (Betsy has none)
1986 - Vol. VI, Number 4 - June
Number 5 - July

If anyone has copies of any of the above which could be xeroxed/donated to complete those years, please notify Brian (home - 671- 0256).

Brian would like to know what the club wants done: Does the club want to authorize zerox costs so that a complete archival set can be kept and passed on?

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SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

REGULAR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

1st Saturday -- Room 110 or 120, Bisdorf Bldg, Alex Campus NoVA CC - 10:00 AM
3rd Wednesday -- NOVEMBER - FAIRLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER - 7:30 PM

Saturday	Nov. 1	10:00 AM	NVCC	Survey of Apple Word Processors
Wednesday	Nov. 19	7:30 PM	FAIRLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER	DEMONSTRATION of the New Apple IIGS by Clinton Computer, Alexandria

PARTY TIME ---

Saturday	Dec. 6	10:00 AM	NVCC	Christmas Apple: Music & Graphics -- Club provides punch; bring Xmas treats, please.

Wednesday	Dec. 17	7:30 PM	??? TBD ???	What's Where in your Apple, OR How Do I Fix It When It's Broke?

BBS CONNECTION

(FROM PAGE 5)

The prompt: PSWD: 199____ appears. The number is your user number which will be attached to your 5 character password. The numbers above could be any number. 199 is there just for an example. Go ahead and type in the password you want. This password information will be validated by the SYSOP. So, don't forget to write down or remember your password. You'll need again to get back on the BBS. Otherwise, you'll have to repeat all we've done so far.

Now the prompt "Remember your password (199xxxxx)" appears.

Oh yes, also remember that validation is done on the basis of verification of a NOVAPPLE member listing. As SYSOP, I receive a copy once a month. Sometimes new users logon and don't get verified right away. This is because they are not on the list yet. So, to assist in a more prompt verification of users, you need to go back to the Main Menu and leave a message to the SYSOP.

Type a "Q" to quit and get back to the Main Menu. Once at the Main Menu, select "C" for Comments. This will allow you to leave a message to the SYSOP. The screen will tell you to type in your message and type a blank line when finished. Here is where you should leave your name and phone number and a description of any problems you have had. At the end of the message press (return) for the blank line. This will end the message entry feature, and the "Editor" prompt will appear. Type "S" for Save, the message will be saved. Now it is time to log off the system till you have been verified.

At the next Main Menu prompt, type "O" for Off, and a "Y" for Yes. This will disconnect you from the system and hang up the phone line.

Congratulations!! If you got through this session without any problems then you should feel great! Your request for validation as a user should be done within three days. Usually within one day, since I logon daily as SYSOP. However, because of work, travel, and school I sometimes get behind. If there are other problems about the BBS, please let me know by leaveing a message to me or the SYSOP. If that does not work you may call me at home after 6:00 PM weekdays till 10:30 PM at 703-352-1568. I will try to assist you the best I can. If I can't help you I will at least try and put you in touch with someone within the Group who can.

So, welcome to the NOVAPPLE BBS. I hope we can all benefit and contribute to the BBS and the Northern Virginia Apple Usrer's Group.

-NoVA3

Software Review

PRINT SHOP "COLOR" UPGRADE

by Betsy Robinson

We don't have a color printer, so I will have to leave that feature of Broderbund's Print Shop update to someone who has; what lured me into buying this upgrade to the one piece of software that the whole family uses were two features that I had heard people wish for, over and over again: the ability to preview your design before printing it and the ability to save your design to disk.

I'm disappointed. I had dreams of being able to use the Companion's Graphics Editor + on completed designs, of being able to mix fonts on the same sign, of being able to place print at a 90 degree angle, of being able to reduce a sign to greeting card size.

The Print Shop people have NOT stored a design as hi-res page 1 or page 2. That's the hitch, pure and simple. They seem to do a series of operations referred to an addressing scheme for printing ... not to a screen pixel addressing scheme. They add a prefix to the file name you give, and a "SIGN." just cannot be used as a "CARD." (I even tried renaming the files, under DOS; don't bother.)

I probably should have realized that the resolution available on a dot matrix printer is just greater than the screen's, and that the Print Shop people had a system for producing better print than can be viewed on the screen to be edited all t'once, but I didn't ... and I don't think I will be the only one to think I got a LOT for the purchase price of the original, and for the purchase price of the Companion, and somehow got snookered on the price of the enhancement. It was worth maybe $3, not $20, to me.

Yes, it IS good to be able to check that the lettering will not lie on top of the graphic, before I spend time and printer ribbon printing something. If you have a PRINT-IT card or such-like, don't get all expectant: The quality is awful; it is useful ONLY for seeing what things interfere. When I previewed the Thanksgiving greeting in this issue, the H in the word and the drumsticks look as if they MIGHT interfere, but they don't really.

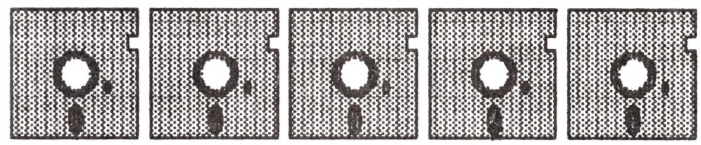
I never cared enough to store a design that I would have paid extra to do so, unless I thought I could load it back in and make something I couldn't have made, otherwise ... like adding other lines in other fonts.

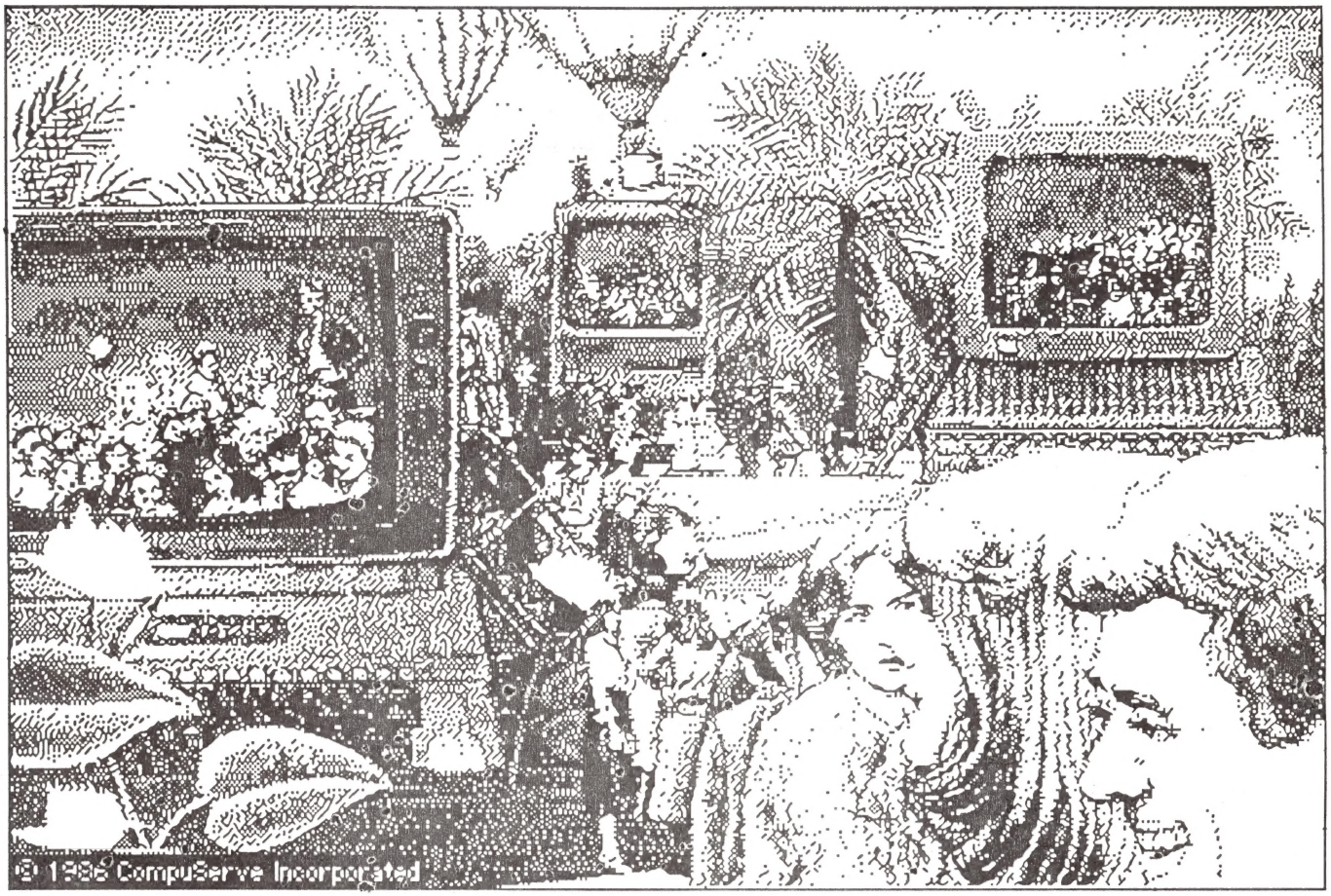
[And I really think Broderbund could have done THAT, by permitting stringing of additional "overlay" instructions; they must already have some sort of contention resolution, to permit font to clear out graphic that is "beneath" it, and borders to do the same over tiled graphic designs.]

[Would it have been possible to offer reduction of a sign to greeting-card size? It probably depends on how the "small, medium and large" options are handled, in the first place: After all, the sign's small is the greeting card's medium, and the sign's medium is the greeting card's large.... I just feel as if no real "hacker" thought about the enhancement; and gosh knows I'm too lazy to be one!]

I sure HOPE someone uses the storage and iron-on transfer ideas to reduce the cost of "team T-shirts" for soccer, etc. Here's an offer: We have the software and a ProWriter printer, and if anyone wants to furnish the required ribbon, I'll work on the first five teams'-worth free of charge.

-NoVA8





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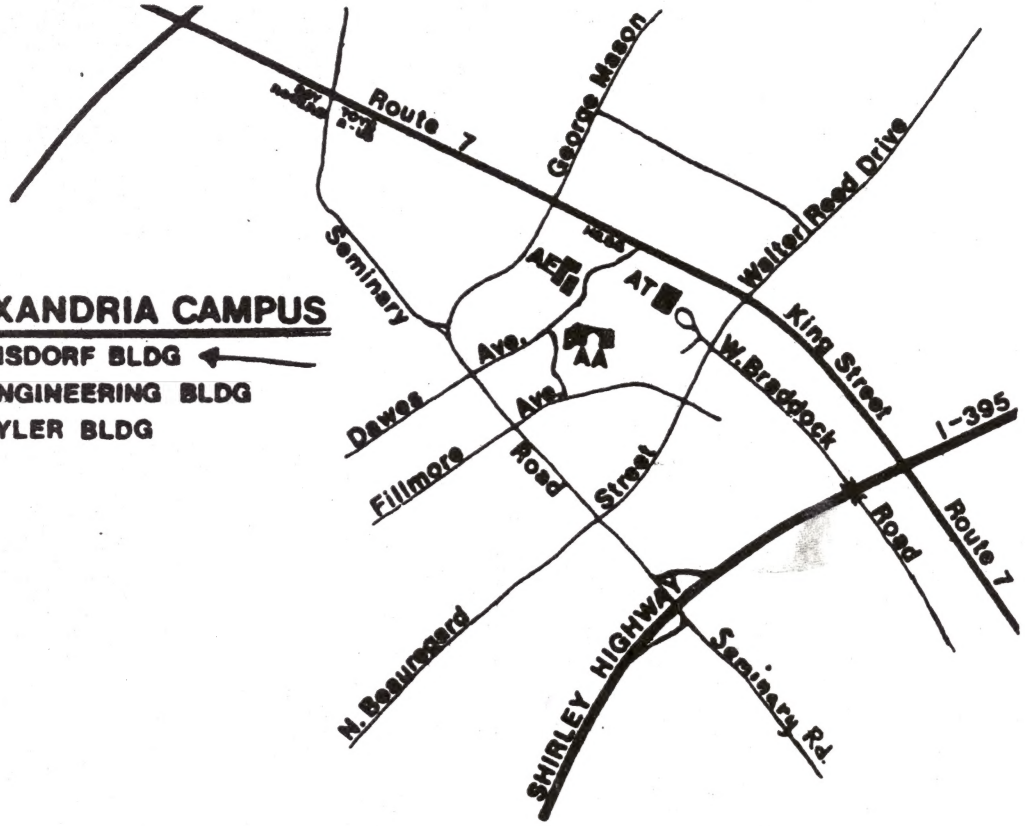

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